

# W9JP

## AMA-CHEWER

MONTHLY PAPER OF THE INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB, INC.

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### CLUB OFFICERS

Pfes. - Donavan M. Davis W9JYP  
Sec. - Paul W. Nelson W9BHC  
Ch. Opr. - Fred Manning W9VPN  
Director - Ralph W. Anderson W9GVW

V. Pres. - Arnold K. Dickmeyer W9JPX  
Treas. - Wm. F. Leuth Jr. W9DSC  
Director - Robt. K. Caskey W9DNQ

### PROGRAMS

October 2 - Board of Directors meeting at the club rooms 8:00pm.

October 3 - Business meeting of the club. Board of Directors meeting following.  
Also ????????? if you want it.

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OCT 8 - On this date a representative of the ARRL will address the club and \*  
WED fellow amateurs about developments in the ARRL and ham radio. \*  
8:00PM \*

\* This mailing of AMACHEWER is being sent to the Marion Co. hams as \*  
\* well as to members of the Indianapolis Radio Club to invite all those in- \*  
\* terested in ham radio to come up to the club and hear first hand - from \*  
\* one who is in the know - just what is taking place. So please accept \*  
\* this as YOUR invitation to be at the club rooms at Olney & St. Clair Sts. \*  
\* 8:00pm Wednesday October 8th, 1941. \*

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OCT. 10 - Mr. Charles G. Cook of Allison's will address the club on the subject  
of "Electronics in Aircraft Engine Testing". This promises to be right up  
our alley so let's find out just how it is done.

OCT. 17 - Business meeting and ??????????. Directors meeting following club  
adjournment.

OCT. 24 - Initiation of new members. This will be a closed meeting and only  
those in good standing will be permitted in the club rooms. (To be in  
good standing your dues must be paid up to and including the current month)  
Eats provided by the eats committee - Dickmeyer and Manning - will be  
served following the closed session. Members missing the previous initia-  
tion and those taken in since are hereby notified that their presence for  
initiation is requested in order to become full fledged members of the  
club.

OCT. 31 - Halloween. No scheduled program for this date. Club rooms will of  
course be open for rag chewing.

NOV. 6 - Directors meeting at the club rooms at 8:00pm. Nominating committee  
working for new officers to be named.

### PAST PROGRAMS

Although no program had been scheduled for Sept. 12th. President Davis called  
upon George Merritt to tell the gang about wells. Well they certainly did  
learn about wells. You certainly missed a swell show by not being there.  
George still says he cannot talk but all of those attending that night  
know better. Many thanks George.

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Mr. Emmet Belzer of the Bell Telephone gave his scheduled talk to the club on September 19th. This was another one of those "wish I had been there" programs. Mr. Belzer certainly had the hams delight - plenty of equipment - and he knew how to show it. The editor can only say that we wish he could come back oftener. We understand that this program is booked up until May of next year so we were lucky. Again we thank Mr. Belzer and the Telephone Company for the opportunity of hearing and seeing this display.

POP

Well, Well, it seems that this heading is about to become a regular feature in AMACHEWER. This time it concerns W9BHC, Paul Nelson, and his wife Dorothy who presented Paul with a daughter, Margaret Annette, on Sept. 21st. Corrected weight 6 lbs. 15 oz. Black hair Blue Eyes. What no cigars? W9YMW claims god-father rights on this addition to the Nelson family but we understand it is being contested. The line forms to the right. Dorothy and Margaret Annette were taken home from the Methodist Hospital Wednesday Oct. 1st, where Becky Waggoner had been serving in her capacity of trained nurse. Both are doing nicely but we don't know about Paul. Anyway congrats MOM and POP.

VISITORS

Harry Butler was home on a leave of absence from the navy and Managed to get up to the club where he met many of his old friends. We wish we could hear from Harry and others that are at camp and in the navy. How about it fellows? W9DLF Greenfield and W9EVY Carthage, together with their wives attended the Thursday night gang meeting the other week. Other visitors to the club were John W6QYE, and Thompson W9TKW. We extend an invitation to call on us again and if you find our company interesting, make an application into the club so that you may enjoy and share it's benefits.

Speaking of visitors reminds us of Tiny Anderson, who is still in (or should we say in and out of) the Methodist Hospital. Tiny says his visitors increased quite noticeably during the time BHC's wife was confined in the same building. Tiny has one leg and foot out of it's cast and the other is equipped with a walking rubber which means some improvement so it won't be long until he is released to go home for the finishing touches.

Tom, W9WQA, Wonnell, is as good as his word. He promised to be up to club whenever he could make it and the 26th was one of those nights. As you will recall Tom is teaching at Bloomington this year. His station is being set up at that address and you will probably hear his sigs on the air when he is not teaching or up to see us.

ACTIVITIES

The Board of Directors have been handed the job of getting the code school under way and they are open to suggestions as well as volunteers for the teaching job.

We are reminded that Bob Kryter has promised the last half of those pictures he took on his vacation. Then too he and Angus are to present the Strobotact one of these days. This will serve to remind Bob that he promised the editor to show him how an electric razor breaks off those whiskers.

Fred Manning, our chief operator and Bill Leuth have the 160 meter and 80 meter rig all mounted in the cabinet and on the air with several contacts already. It certainly is a swell job and we take this opportunity to thank these fellows for the time and effort that they have put in on this piece of equipment. It is up to us to make full use of it now that it is done up in such fine style. Here's one that will.

Don Angus acted host to the bunch of 12 that went to Grand Haven the weekend of the 6th. This trip netted most of the gang a full sleeping quota for some reason unknown to all. Saturday the gang shoved off for Muskegon in a lively sea. I mean lively for we had three lose their breakfast and one who tried on the evening meal of the night before, however he tasted the bitter and closed his teeth on the last thing to come up which was all that saved him. On the way back Sunday the lake was so calm that most tried their hand at navigating on laying in the sun on the forward deck. Of course we did not count that.

### ELECTION

As noted elsewhere the B of D will name a nominating committee for selecting a slate of candidates for the annual election to be held on the first regular meeting night in December as provided in our constitution. (And we try to live up to OUR constitution). This is the forerunner of the election held on that night. It means that we should be thinking of the best man to place at the head of the club and in the other positions supporting him. With this in mind the editor has secured a list of members who have - as required - been a member of the club one year and have their dues paid up to and including the current month. They are as follows: Angus, Annis, Averell Brown, Bert Bucy, Campbell, Caskey, Ken Clark, Crandall, Davis, Delano, Dickmeyer, Ealy, Fincham, Gabriel, Greiner, Haupt, Jennings, Kerst, Kingery, Leuth, Manning, Howard McDonald, H. McGee, Montgomery, Nelson, Osborn, Pickhardt, Pittman, Pruitt, Richie, Shultz, Sylvester, Trusley, VanSickle, Waggoner, Watson, Webb, Wonnell. This list while complete now is not to be construed as the official and final list that will be published next month. In your selection of a candidate you should consider his qualifications to handle that office and his attendance and support of the club, itself. We have been fortunate in the past several years of our choice and with proper care and thought we should be able to continue in even greater stride. So with these thoughts in mind give it some serious consideration such that you may be able to select and vote for the right man for the right job when the time comes.

### ANOTHER ACTIVITY ITEM

Sunday the 21st the Dickmeyers invited the Thursday night gang and a group from Cincinnati to a pitch in dinner at their Flat Rock cottage. A swell time was had by all, the women playing bridge games and the men radioing as is of course their usual custom.

### LOOK WHO'S HERE

Editors Note: Last month we asked for contributions and apparently the son of Norris Knowsall found out that his dad wasn't going to write this month for we found this in our mail this morning. So without further comment we introduce one who claims to be his son, we let you decide.

Hello Gang: I see where you's have been asking for Norris Knowsall, he's my old man. The old man is kinda busy lately with all of his National Defense and stuff going on. In other words the old man's too lazy to write. I'm a little smarter than him because I attended grade school. Hi Hi.

The way I get it I'm supposed to gather all of the gossip that I can. So to keep me busy my idea to get this news is to walk up and down the alleys of hams and listen to the XYL's backfence newspaper system. HI. HI.

I'm not as funny as the old man because I'm not screw loose. I had all of my screws in my head tightened last week.

Well, I see where Dick, W9IDU, Delano has a new transmitter on the air. It's a HTG. He also has a bandswitching unit. It took Dick eight long weeks to get it so now he plans to make up for the time he lost. The old man's against five meters so all I can say is "How about five?"

Dick Elliott, W9RTH's OM is the proud owner of W9YCO. Well Dick, I see where you make it this time. Good luck. I hear George, W9GTH, Rollins is up at Purdue. LeRoy, W9GSX, Kerst is working at Allison's. The Old Man still can't believe it. Just think, no QRM from the Westside from about 11:30pm to 8:30am. Boy oh boy we can work DX now. Hi LeRoy.

Tom, W9WQA Wonnell is up at Bloomington teaching Physics and Radio. Boy I can see Tom explaining radio. I'll bet its all about five meters. By the way Tom has his transmitter and receiver up there. We'll be listening for xxx you Tom.



Arnold, W9FVO, Finchum has been working up at Frankfort for the last two weeks. The boss had him helping them wire up a meat house.

The QRM up on Jefferson Street is P. Nelson's new harmonic. Congrats old man. Sorry I don't smoke. Say Paul is she going to be a CW whiz? HiHi.

On September 19 I had the surprise of my life. Yep I had my voice recorded. Boy not I know what they mean when they say "have your voice recorded and get the surprise of your life". I did.

This last Friday night the checker board was brought out from under the dust. Yep, by Doc/ Doc retired after one game - he lost.

Say I got a complaint to make about the pong pong table. You see I'm not as tall as my OM. I think we should cut about 6 inches off of each leg. Then maybe I can play and sit at the same time.

Say have you seen Doc's peashooter? It's the stuff. Yep that's right it is a straight shooter and you know straight shooters never ~~lose~~ lose. This last Friday night Davis was shooting at a match stick along with Doc, Dickmeyer and Caskey. Don couldn't hit the match even though the others came close and they hit it a few times. Well this makes Don mad and he grabbed the gun and began to shoot one right after another. After about fifteen minutes of shooting Davis gave up and said the gun did not shoot straight. At this time in walks FVO who took one shot at the match and hit it in the white. Is that why Davis is against allowing the gun to be brought in the club room? Hey Doc. have you got your extra supply of buckshot as yet? You know they may need it for National Defense. HiHi.

Oh by the way the small hurricane that swept through town did not bother "Clipper Fritz's Continuous Rotation Three Element Beam Antenna Tower for Five Meters". Hey Fred how about a "Bath Day in Ben Davis". to celebrate the tower's standing up under the beating by the wind? HI HI.

Looks like we're going to hafta feed George, W9UDQ Merritt some pep food so he can get enough strength to throw the antenna out of the window and throw on the switches of his transmitter. Hi George.

The new transmitter for 160 and 80 meters is on the air at last. When Fred and Bill tested it Friday night they got poor modulation reports, so a good look at the modulator showed that the modulation transformer was hooked up backwards. Changing this brought good reports. Last minute details show that they had worked a W3.

Say fellows, we almost forgot about the guys in the service now. They would appreciate a letter from you so what say gang? If you know the name and address of any ham in the service, please inform Davis or Bob Caskey, who in turn will tell me and I will have it printed in next month's edition.

Well here's the first one, I got it Friday night at the club.

Bill, W9ENJ, Hibbert, 113 Observation Squadron, U. S. Air Corp,  
Key Field, Meridian, Mississippi.

Well, So long Gang,

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Norris Knowsall Jr.

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# CHICAGO HANFEST REPORT

The following club members attended the Chicago Hamfesters Jamboree; Dick, W9IDU, Delano; Arnold, W9FVO Fienhu, and Martin Gabriel. Also attending the convention was Frank, W9DAB, Kloss of Indianapolis. This was the same bunch that represented Indianapolis at the Muncie affair. There were about 250 hams registered.

In the opinion of the club members attending, most of the convention was a flop. The boys said that they did not fully enjoy themselves. In the first place all of the speeches which Hamfesters made were either history of the club or activity of the club. There was entirely too much bragging. From the way they talked, it would seem as if they were the only bunch of hams in the world.

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At the banquet Sunday night the MC was Ulmer Turner, "The Globe Trotter". The boys had a heck of a time eating chicken with a fork and knife, as did everyone else and the table. After a little while, the boys got mad and grabbed it with their hands and really gave it the works.

The first thing the boys did when they arrived at Chicago was to take the examination. Dick and Arnold for class A and Gabriel for class B. Arnold thinks he might have made it and Dick thinks he did not. Gabriel flunked the class B - and while admitting the sending was perfect - says to just try and copy after traveling and no sleeping all night ( The printer knows a couple of guys who did Hi Hi ).

The boys visited around Chicago and were guests of the Chicago Lands broadcast over WGN and Mutual Broadcasting System. Tickets are needed to get in to see this broadcast but the boys told the doorkeeper that they were hams from Indianapolis and they were escorted to the front row. Wo said hams aren't respected? They also visited NBC and saw most of their equipment.

It took the boys 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  days to find out that the lake was 2 blocks away from the hotel. They visited the lake and on Monday went riding on a small boat. "No, we didn't get seasick although the lake was rough". Gabriel was taking pictures and was going to take a picture of a Navy Cruiser when a sentry stopped him and made him put the camera away. (Lucky he didnt smash it).